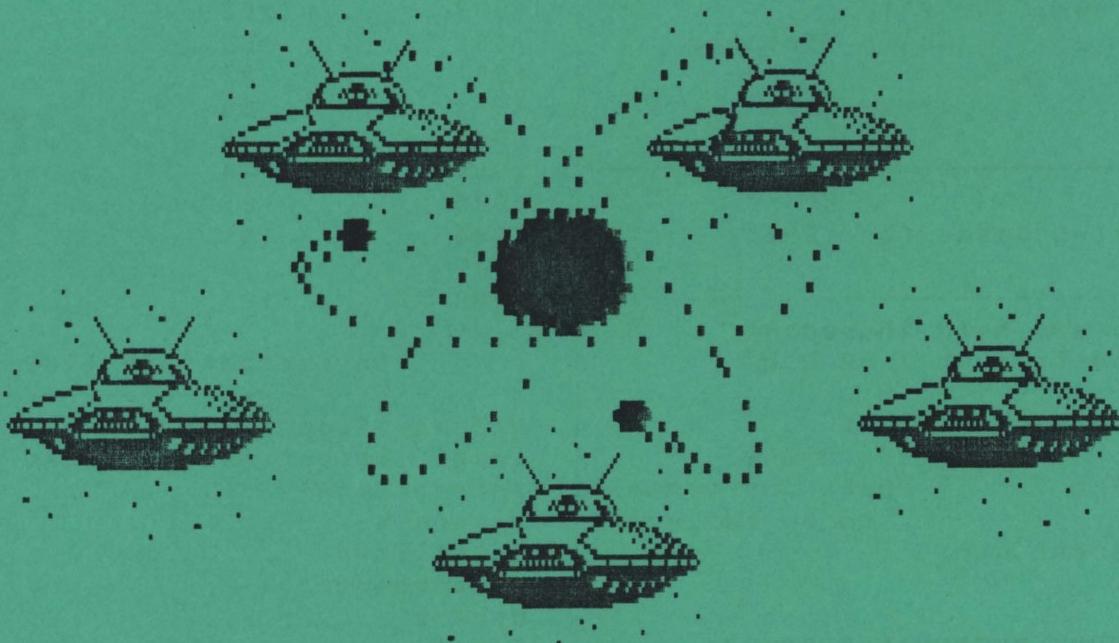


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STATISTICS

Year:	Reports:	Unidentifieds:
Pre 65	130	29
1965	23	12
1966	34	15
1967	16	4
1968	29	6
1969	61	14
1970	45	8
1971	97	23
1972	68	14
1973	136	26
1974	159	56
1975	182	50
1976	192	43
1977	155	38
1978	178	32
1979	152	19
1980	60	8
1981	87	10
1982	60	16
1983	63	8
1984	44	7
1985	84	9
1986	81	7
1987	70	9
1988	107	18

Investigations 1989

Unidentified	8
Insuff. info./investigating .	1
Astronomical	44
Aircraft	15
Satellites	4
Meteorological	8
Others	8
Total	88

Aims:

To conduct investigations into
 Tasmanian sightings. To collect
 and disseminate evidence & data
 relating to the UFO phenomena.

To cooperate with organizations
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1989 IN REVIEW

The year has not seen a continuation of the lift in sightings that commenced in the later half of 1987, and continued with a number of strange events into 1988. Reports of unexplained cases have tailed off into a few Nocturnal Lights reports, mostly in the first half of the year.

Membership has remained at a good level, whilst our move to the Derwent Regional Library meeting rooms has filled the much needed requirements for somewhere to 'get together'. If the response is encouraging a state chain parcel system may commence in the New Year.

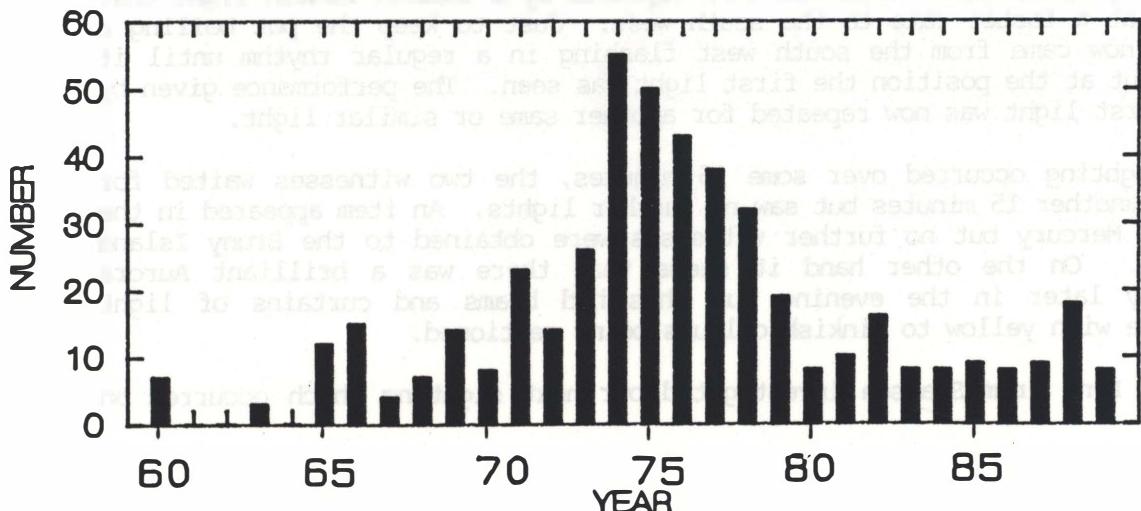
Media coverage for most of the year was about anything but UFO sightings. Mystery rings in British cornfields received good coverage, Abduction books were well reviewed, with UFO Research Australia's efforts to uncover Australian abduction events also rating a mention. Some of the less reliable journals have covered a number of UFO sightings but mainly from other years.

No big UFO stories from Australia grabbed the headlines during the year as the drop in strange events seemed to cover the continent. The sighting with a lot of exposure came from the USSR with the occupant reports which hit the press and TV in mid October. The stories followed the familiar format, at first we had a very puzzling event, which was soon downgraded with explanations, then put to rest as no traces could be found at the sighting locale. The feeling of freedom in the Eastern bloc soon spread elsewhere with aircraft being followed and green men with beams being reported from Hungary.

UFO Research Australia has been very active during the past year with their efforts to uncover abduction reports and keep abreast of UFO cases around the states. We have been well informed with their monthly update on ongoing events UFO and otherwise. The Centre has continued to exchange newsletters with fellow Australian groups and forward sighting details to the Australian Centre for UFO Studies.

This year's report sees the passing of another decade of UFO sightings and needless to say controversies. Predicting what may occur in the last decade of the century may be a dangerous pastime. However, if we look at the Tasmanian graph for UFO cases, we may have a repeat of the last ten years, which have remained remarkably consistent with the number of unexplained events. It seems a long time since a world wide flap, so we will just keep our fingers crossed. Will we find out the answer to the phenomena in the years ahead, that will have to be a big ?. Let's hope the Centre will be able to tell you all about it.

Tasmanian UFO Reports, 1960-1989



SIGHTINGS - 1989

Sightings during 1988 had given the Centre its busiest time since the previous decade, not only that but some of the events had been of a high strangeness. Hopes of a continuation into 1989 soon evaporated, the action falling back to about the average level for most of the 1980 years.

However we did not have to wait long for the first case in 1989, the initial incident occurring on January 14th, soon after midnight at about 12.20 am. The event was witnessed by five family members who had been away on a fishing trip out of Strahan on Tasmania's West Coast. The witnesses were spread between two vessels, one towing the other back to port. At the time of the sighting the vessels were in Macquarie Harbour some 9 km south of Strahan, the weather being fine and clear with calm conditions in the harbour.

Initially a very bright blue-white light, resembling an aircraft landing light, was noticed at about 50 deg. elevation in the eastern sky. The light seemed to be surrounded by cloud or a vapour, this being the only cloud noticed in the sky. Apparent sizes for the light vary, talked of as a large headlight to half-moon sized. The light appeared to be heading for the boats and the witnesses thought at one stage the "aircraft" was going to land on them. The light was losing elevation and casting a weak light onto the boats. However the light did not move off. It just went out as if turned off and nothing more could be seen. The sighting had lasted several minutes. No other boats were seen on the harbour at the time and from enquiries no boats were in any form of distress that night.

Another Nocturnal Light event was soon under investigation by the Centre, this time by our Northern representative, Don Macsween. Again the sighting occurred during the early hours of the morning at 2 am on January 25th. It was a fine warm night and the two witnesses had gone for a walk by the Tamar River at Invermay, they stopped for a chat on a jetty. Whilst looking about the night sky a light was seen high in the north west, it was falling towards the ground and was taken as being a shooting star. Then they saw that the light had stopped some 20/40 deg. above the horizon, it remained in the same position for an estimated 15 seconds. The light moved again but now horizontally across the sky towards the south east. Twice the light stopped, each time for about 10 seconds before continuing on its way. Each time the light moved it seemed to have a tail behind it. The light gradually faded away into the distance having been in view for about two minutes. Enquiries with Launceston Airport did not reveal any explanations for the report.

Nocturnal lights kept occurring, this time on March 5th around 10 pm on Bruny Island. It was a holiday weekend and the witnesses were away on a camping trip. The night was fine and clear when our two witnesses saw a series of lights moving erratically in the west to south western sky. A white squarish light just came on in the west and moved to the south west, flashing as it went. This was then repeated by a smaller bluish light that moved at a faster rate to the south west. Just to keep the pot boiling a light now came from the south west flashing in a regular rhythm until it went out at the position the first light was seen. The performance given by the first light was now repeated for another same or similar light.

The sighting occurred over some 15 minutes, the two witnesses waited for about another 15 minutes but saw no further lights. An item appeared in the Hobart Mercury but no further witnesses were obtained to the Bruny Island lights. On the other hand it seems that there was a brilliant Aurora display later in the evening but this had beams and curtains of light visible with yellow to pinkish colours being mentioned.

Jennie Lyne from Swansea investigated our next sighting which occurred on

March 23rd about 7.45 pm. The two witnesses had driven up into the bush on Swanston Road for a spot of shooting. They headed inland as far as possible on the road going west which is used for logging purposes, and stopped for a drink at the spot where the bulldozers etc. were parked.

Both witnesses noticed at the same time an orange coloured light some 150m to their east, it looked to be less than a metre above the ground and travelling at walking speed to the south. The light looked perfectly round and orange in colour the whole time it was in view for some two minutes. It moved away through the trees, passing behind some at times until it was lost from view. The night was silent and still with no noise evident from the slowly moving light that kept at the same height.

After the light was gone the witnesses continued on in the utility, the two dogs that were with them acted in a timid manner. One dog got down under the dashboard whilst the other snuggled up against the driver. The second witness in the back of the utility had the feeling that "eyes were looking at him".

GEORGE TOWN AGAIN

George Town seems to have provided its fair share of UFO sightings during the last decade and the past year has been no exception. Again we start off with two witnesses, this time a mother and her daughter on a visit to see her. They had decided to walk down to the nearby shop on June 10th just before 8 pm. Initially a flashing red and white light was seen high in the sky towards the north west, they paid little attention as the light was moving into the west and looked to be travelling southwards.

On leaving the shop in Cimitiere St. they once more saw the same or similar light, again the light was to the north west in the same area it was first noticed. As they walked along the light was once more moving along the same flight path in the western sky. The witnesses now turned into Franklin St. which meant the light was now to their right hand side. The light had now however seemed to have changed shape into a ball or maybe diamond like shape, the colour was also now just a very bright white. The witnesses say they panicked a bit at this stage, the ball of light looked to be coming lower and closer and they were sure it was chasing them. The witnesses were not far from home and they both made a dash to get inside the mother's house. The whole approach and dash were over in a few minutes. The witnesses called out the children, but all they saw was the red and white flashing light once again away in the distance. Enquiries with Civil Aviation revealed no known correlation with aircraft movements.

The day following the George Town sighting the action swung to the opposite end of the state, this time our report came from Kingston. (June 11th at 6.40 pm.)

Mrs. F was sitting in her car when her children called her attention to a light they had noticed in the dark but starry sky. The light was bluish in colour and had been moving south from the north west sky at about a 30-40 deg. elevation. However, the light suddenly went straight down, then moved back up to its original elevation before proceeding away again towards the south west, it being lost from view behing a cloud in that part of the sky. Whilst in view the light had a sparkling tail behind it during its 20 second flight across the sky. The sighting was reported to the Centre within minutes of the event. The cloud that evening was at about the 1200-1600m level.

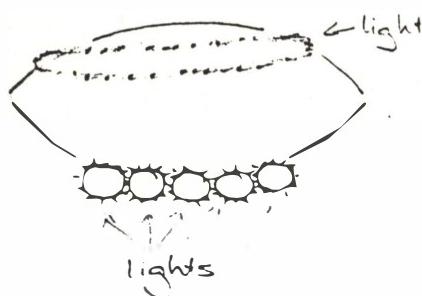
HUON HIGHWAY SIGHTING

The Centre has had few reports from motorists on the Huon Highway south of

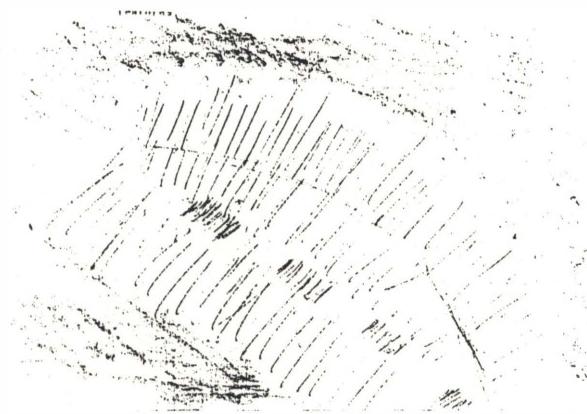
Hobart but the sighting on July 11th was one exception. Ms. C had been working back a bit late one Tuesday evening in July and was heading home to the Huon Valley near 11.30 pm. when the sighting occurred. She had just reached the high point on the road at Vinces Saddle some 400m up in the hills south west of Hobart. The weather was overcast with some patches of hill fog on the road, although the sighting location was clear at the time.

Ms. C's car was travelling about 70 km/hr as it came over the hill and she noticed a bright area of light to the right or north east side of the road. The light mass was at about a 30 deg. elevation. She slowed the car down as the light seemed to be near the road, maybe, above the roadside paddock. The road here curves to the left so that the object was left behind to the rear of the car, it may have been going slowly in the opposite direction to Ms. C's car. The object appeared as wide as a full moon but was oval in shape with a strip of fluorescent light around the top, at the base there were maybe five blue-white lights. The object and its lights were in view for some 15 seconds before it was lost from sight to the rear of the car.

Ms. C. admitted to feeling a bit scared by the turn in events, but she continues to travel the road and has done so for quite some time in all sorts of conditions. She has checked on subsequent trips to make sure the lights were not due to some light reflection. There were no other cars on the road at the time of the sighting.



Huon Highway, July



Midland Highway, August

Sightings from highways continued on August 2nd when at least two witnesses briefly saw an object whilst travelling on the Midland Highway. The incident took place about 10.20 pm. half way between Jericho and Oatlands.

Mr. D. contacted the Centre to recount how he was travelling to Parattah in his taxi, taking two shift workers to their job. It was a fine clear night and whilst travelling north they had seen some shooting stars.

About 6 to 7 km from Oatlands a bright mass of light just blinked on in the north eastern sky at about an elevation of 30 degrees. The mass was dome shaped and lying at an angle with the lower end towards the south. Along what appeared to be the base of the object were four dark squares. The area about the object was obscured by the powerful white light that seemed to be given off by the object. Mr. D. found it hard to estimate the distance to the light mass, but he is sure it did not move. The object just blinked off and there was nothing to see any more. There was no other traffic in the vicinity at the time and the Centre received no other reports that night.

"YOUR REPORT HAS NO IMPLICATIONS FOR
THE AIR DEFENCE OF THIS COUNTRY"
by: Douglas Lockhart.

11.35 pm on Saturday the 20th of November, 1970. A cold, clear, frosty evening. Stars visible in spite of the London glow in the sky. My girlfriend (Maureen) suddenly pointing at the window and remarking on a bright light in the sky. I take a look, say something about a 'plane circling before heading for Heathrow, and we settle back to our conversation. Maureen again remarks on the bright object in the sky which now seems to be heading straight for us. It's getting bigger and brighter and the more we study it through the window the more convinced we become that it is not an ordinary aeroplane. There's something about its behaviour which seems to transfix us, hold us there in spite of the fact that it could still quite easily be explained as an ordinary civil or military aircraft flying on a perfectly ordinary flight path. Within a couple of minutes (it may have been longer) we both realise that what we are looking at is large, very bright, and flying dangerously low. An aircraft about to crash? We head for the door to watch for the object's approach and stand listening in the bitter cold for engine noise, but there is none.

And still it comes towards us; and there is no sound; and we slowly realise that what we're probably looking at is a UFO. The feeling in that moment is electric. We head out into the street to get a better view and watch the object approach at what appears to be rooftop height. And what an object it is. It's enormous; and brightly coloured. The nucleus is oval-shaped and yellow-orange. There is also a deep patch of jet black, almost an electric black, all around the central core, and from there on out a gigantic corona of blood red light which looks like solidified tongues of flame fanning out some twenty or thirty feet from the inky black which is itself five or six feet deep. And still not a sound to be heard. Nothing. Just the sensation of being suspended and of witnessing not merely a novel event, but an inexplicably serious and meaningful happening. The street is lit up and the most amazing thing either of us have ever seen in our lives is ever so slowly passing over and there isn't another human being available to see it.

I half shout to Maureen that we ought to get the chap from upstairs to witness what's going on, and she immediately charges off. She's back with our neighbour within minutes. By that time the object has moved much further up the street and grown considerably smaller; but it's still plainly visible. In that same moment, a man heavily muffled in coat, scarf and flat cap walks down the street, passes us on the left, and not once looks up to see why we are all standing there staring up at the sky. The object is still visible and quite large, and for a moment I'm unsure as to whether I should be looking at the object or the man - it astonishes me that he does not look up. I turn back to look at the object (does not occur to me to shout at the man!) and it runs through my mind that I would very much like it to stop and come back. Even as that thought forms in my mind, the object stops dead in its tracks, hangs there for a moment, then begins to slowly move back towards us as if summoned. My feelings at that moment are a mixture of elation, fear and panic. And then just plain panic as it dawns on me what that manoeuvre might mean. Again as if in response the object stops, hovers, and begins to move away, only this time changing its flight pattern from a straight line to that of a zig-zag motion which gets faster and faster. Within a minute of changing its flight pattern (and colour; it is now an orange ball) the object has accelerated towards the horizon and vanished.

End of story? Not quite.

Singularly amazed by what we have witnessed, I immediately telephone the

Ministry of Defence and ask if I can speak to someone about a close-quarter UFO sighting over the East End of London. I'm put through to the appropriate department and asked a long series of questions from a standard Ministry of Defence UFO questionnaire. Next morning first thing I write up our "sighting" and take it to the Hackney Gazette. The chief reporter is intrigued by the story's vivid detail and uses part of my description in a short piece for the next edition. Shortly afterwards I'm contacted by the television news programme TODAY, and a street interview is set up. Being the only witness available, I speak on the others' behalf. An elderly couple who live in and run a grocer's shop on our street are also interviewed, and although in bed with the curtains (dark green) drawn at the time of the object's passing, confirm the important part of our statement by describing their gable-end bedroom window as having been lit up for some seconds by a very bright light, of that light diminishing in intensity, returning to normal, then suddenly growing bright again and repeating the previous pattern.

A few days later things hot up with the appearance of three men on our doorstep. The tallest of the three (he is well over six feet) introduces himself as Commander Prevost, I think of RAF Sussex. The other two are also introduced, but I now have no recollection of their names. I do however have clear recollection of Commander Prevost describing his associates as "officers" from the army and the navy - all three were in civilian dress. Prevost had seen the TODAY interview. Now it may well be that all three men were exactly what Prevost said they were, but I must admit to having no memory of ID being shown, or of my asking for it - something I would normally do with strangers who turn up in the dark and identify themselves as "military personnel". Anyway, they are invited into our home, given coffee, and the interrogation starts. And it is an interrogation; not just an interview. Every detail of the story is recorded. Our respective positions in the room when the object is first seen is noted. The exact position, and subsequent positions of the approaching object in the large panes of our bay window are marked with small adhesive-backed circles of white paper.

They then produce from their car what I presume is a theodolite, and a large, leather-encased measuring tape. We watch in amazement as they measure the whole street (our object had flown parallel to the street) from end to end, and take a series of theodolite readings before returning to the warmth of our lounge. Twenty minutes of mathematical calculation follow, at the end of which we are informed that our observations appear to be accurate and consistent. On being questioned, Prevost reveals that he has been compiling a record of UFO sightings since 1945 (it may have been '48), his interest in the phenomenon having been sparked off by numerous sightings backed by ground and airborne radar reports from bomber crews flying the Persian Gulf at that time. I cannot be absolutely certain now, but I seem to remember him saying something which suggested that his interest in UFOs was purely personal, and that his two "friends" were also involved out of personal and not official interest - this has just come back to me as I write this account and may explain why no-one was in uniform.

THE EXAMINER, Monday, July 31, 1989

Mystery lights in night sky have Londoners baffled

LONDON — Scotland Yard yesterday reported calls from the public throughout London baffled about strange lights making patterns in the night sky.

But no immediate answer could be found for the lights, visible for hours, which had some observers raising the possibility that Unidentified Flying Objects were responsible.

"The lights look really strange and I've never seen anything like them," said police mechanic Peter Ridley,

whose wife pointed out the phenomenon over their home in Limehouse, East London.

"They each keep going round in circles, and move at enormous speed, particularly as they come together and move apart."

The fact that most people reported the lights directly overhead in many parts of London suggested that they were very high and were therefore covering great distances in each revolution, he said.

About ten days later, in the morning I think, Provost again turns up, this time by himself. There are just a couple of little points he wants to clarify. Coffee is supplied. He checks something in our story, makes notes, launches into a description of "Foo fighters" literally flying rings around our bombers doing their Persian Gulf run. Then comes an odd note. Not only can these tiny Foo fighters (disks approximately 12 inches in diameter) utterly outfly our aircraft, they also have the unnerving habit of suddenly "dematerialising" and "rematerialising" inside the main fuselage of our bombers and flying up and down as if inspecting their interiors. Air crews are mightily shaken by such incidents, believing the tiny disks to be of German manufacture. We talk on, and come to the problem of "origin". Interplanetary? No, he doesn't think so. Terrestrial? More likely to be "interdimensional", he confides. I'm astonished. He explains the idea of worlds or universes occupying the same space and says that the evidence seems to point away from vast interstellar distances being involved - these craft have the ability to literally disappear and reappear at will. Then comes the bombshell. An RAF staff woman, trained in aircraft identification had happened to be on our street on the afternoon of the 19th of November (she had been visiting someone at Hackney hospital which was near at hand), and had reported (to Provost personally, so it seems) on her return to base that she had seen part of a large metal disk sticking out of a cloud directly above the houses where the following evening our amazing object was to appear in all its garish glory. Quite a coincidence. And so he and his friends had immediately followed through on the story, and were still trying to puzzle out why our "object" had been in the same location two days in a row. I'm taken aback by such a piece of news, and am even more taken aback now when I think back on the incident that a high-ranking RAF officer should have taken the risk of making a freelance journalist privy to such information.

As a result of the television interview, the chief reporter for the Hackney Gazette tells me that the TODAY team (he is apparently friendly with them) are interested in doing a full-blown investigative television programme on the subject of UFOs. Would I be interested in participating? Yes I would. I tell him about Prevost and his two compatriots, and he becomes excited. Would Commander Prevost and his friends be willing to appear on a television programme dealing with the question of UFOs and their origin? Using the private number left with us, I ring the Commander. He says immediately that his associates would not be able to appear, but that he would be pleased to do so. The news is communicated to the TODAY team, and the idea begins to snowball - a scientist from either Oxford or Cambridge could be included to further spice things up. But alas it is not to be. Commander Prevost (surprise, surprise) rings me soon afterwards and says that he has been "put on the mat" by his superiors and can no longer entertain the idea of appearing on such a programme. Everyone is most disappointed.

On the 21st of December, 1970, a letter arrives from the Ministry of Defence to say that they have "carefully checked aerial activity in the area and found no unauthorised movements." Considering the detailed description I gave to them on the telephone, the end of their letter is particularly amusing. It reads: "Although we are unable positively to identify the source of the light, we are inclined to think that you may have been observing the lights of an aircraft in circumstances outside your previous experience. I should of course say that we are satisfied that your report has no implications for the air defence of this country. I am sorry we cannot be more precise."

AUSTRALIAN SIGHTINGS 1988/89

DATE	STATE	TIME	TYPE	LOCATION	NOTES	SOURCE
Sept 29	NSW	1930	CE2	Walcha	Motor vehicle loses power when red light noted nearby	1
Dec 27	Tas	0415	NL	Weymouth	O/G flashg lits low to NE	2
Jan 14	Tas	0020	NL	Strahan	Blue/white lit approaches boat with 5 witnesses	2
16	SA	0555	NL	Nth Glenelg	Glow ejects 5 lits, moves off	3
25	Tas	0200	NL	Mowbray	Erratic white lit goes SE	2
26	SA	1128	NL	Strathalbyn	Obj separates into 4 parts that move off NE and S	3
Jan	Vic	1915	CE1	West District	Silver cigar hovers over farm shed, other sightings	4
Mar 5	Tas	2200	NL	Bruny Island	Series of erratic lits seen	2
22	Tas	1945	CE1	Swanston	Orange lit 150m from witnesses passes thru trees	2
30	SA	0330	CE1	West Adelaide	Flashg red lits seen in house	3
Apr 1	SA	early	CE1	Strathalbyn	Lits pace car briefly	3
5	SA	1920	CE1	Springton	Cigar with lits upsets girl	3
9	Qld	1828	NL	Chermside	5 white V objs pass over low	5
May 3	Qld	2120	NL	Watertord	Pulsing lits go diff direct	5
3	Qld	2130	NL	Holland Park	W/V Obj seen gliding to sth	5
5	NSW	0500	NL	Gloucester	W lit goes sth behind mtn	6
26	NSW	1115	DD	Sydney	Rocket moving slowly, then accelerates away	6
28	SA	1945	CE1	Petersville	Red/green lits move over car	3
31	Qld	1745	DD	Townsville	Orange cloud and golden bands move behind Puma Range	1
Jun 5	NSW			Dorrigo	Obj tracked on aircraft radar	7
10	Tas	2200	NL	Georgetown	Lits approach witns, changes to a ball of white	2
11	Tas	1840	NL	Kingston	Erratic blue lit with tail	2
16	Qld	0311	NL	Yowah	Large obj followed by 6 small objects cross sky	8
18	Qld	1955	NL	Westlake	Erratic white/red lit seen	5
July 10	SA	0540	CE2	Clare	Ball of lit seen in house, covers above wit feet also glow	1
11	Tas	2330	CE1	Vince Saddle	Oval obj and lits by roadside	2
?	Vic	0030	CE1	Blairgowrie	Red dome with beam over street	9
Aug 2	Tas	2220	NL	Jericho	White dome of lit near road	2
7	SA	2300		Belair	Humming noises near house	10
20	SA	2050	NL	Athelstone	White lit seen at 400m distance	10
27	SA	2017	NL	Marrabel	Lit with red/white/blue seen	10
Sep 3	SA	1200	DD	Sth Adelaide	Oval obj zig zagging away	3
3	SA	1900	NL	Hackman West	B/W strobe lit goes S to SE	10
9	SA	2230	CE1	Nullabor St	Rect shape with yellow lits passes 80m from motorist	1
14	SA	1930	NL	Wirrana	Silent yellow flashg lit seen	10
16	SA	2310	NL	Hilton	Cyl with red lit and smoke	10
16	SA	1225	DD	Adelaide Hills	Triangle nr ground, blue and white lit with red glow	3
Oct 22	SA	1940	CE1	Mylor	Lits low over hill 40m away	10
13	Vic	0300	CE2?	Elwood	Cigar obj with lits seen off beach, pos traces (Melb Sun)	1
20	SA	0545	NL	Belair	Round obj stops/start to NE	10
23	SA	2040	NL	Brighton Nth	Huge W lit with red lits around it moves out to sea	10

SOURCE: 1. UFO Research Aust 2. TUFOIC 3. AIUFOFSR 4. VUFORS 5. ACUFOS 6. UFOR (NSW)
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CLICKING CRAFT'S BRILLIANT SHAFT

A RED-DOMED UFO, which makes uncanny clicking sounds, is perturbing people living on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula.

One witness to the alien intruder is Mavis Muir, 76, of Blairgowrie.

With a neighbour, who has asked not to be named, Mavis watched a green,

red-topped craft sweep along her street, illuminating houses and gardens with a brilliant spotlight.

She told me: "I've never seen a flying saucer before – and I can assure you those were the most frightening moments of my life."

"The disturbance began at about two past midnight, when I was lying in bed, looking out at the stars. When I noticed an object with two green lights underneath, moving from west to east, I said to myself, 'That shouldn't be there'.

"The thing passed overhead and I lost sight of it.

"But then something told me to get out of bed and remain awake and wait.

"I sat around unable to resist the compulsion to stay up. At 12.29am, I

heard strange sounds, like a large camera going 'click, click'.

"I looked outside to see a massive glow, lighting up the entire street.

"I immediately thought, 'That's a UFO'. It was totally eerie."

Mavis Muir's story was supported by the man living opposite.

"The intensity of those clicking noises was amazing," he said. "The racket woke me and there was blinding brilliance everywhere. It was as if the craft was taking pictures of our street."

● Peninsula police, in recent months, have investigated mysterious burned circles in two residents' gardens. The "landing rings" were found after overnight UFO sightings.

PEOPLE Magazine

July 1989

SUNDAY EXAMINER, September 24, 1989 –

Evidence for UFOs?

LONDON — UFO enthusiasts at an international conference in Yorkshire believe they have the strongest evidence yet that other life forms roam the Universe.

On the 20th anniversary of the first Moon walk, hundreds of UFO spotters from as far afield as Libya and Poland were viewing evidence unveiled for the first time in Britain — 39 colour photographs claimed to have stood up to gruelling tests by a top expert.

Hosting the occasion was Texan Mr Walter Andrus, director of the world's biggest investigation group on unidentified flying objects.

The photos show a large grey UFO hovering above the small town of Gulf Breeze, Florida, with a dazzling white light shining down.

Mr Andrus said they were the most positive evidence to date that other beings existed beyond the Earth.

Some pictures show two space craft travelling across the Texas sky before shooting apart.

Mr Philip Mantle, organiser of the United Kingdom-based independent UFO network, said: "These findings are overwhelming".

Meanwhile, British firms could win huge contracts as part of the Mars expedition announced by the United States' President George Bush.

Japanese video film catches a 'real UFO,' says professor

KANAZAWA, Japan — An unidentified flying object videotaped by a man here in July has been acknowledged as a 'real UFO' by the private UFO Research Institute Fund in the US, the local press reported yesterday.

According to the reports, Yoshikazu Hamazaki, 32, a civil servant, spotted a diamond-shaped, platinum-colored object hovering over this city on the central Japan Sea coast on the evening of July 6.

He videotaped it, and sent the tape to the UFO Research Institute for analysis.

The reports said that Bruce Maccabee, a Washington University physics professor, used a computer to scrutinise it.

After two months of study, Prof. Maccabee, a former science-technology adviser to the US Navy, concluded that the object Hamazaki videotaped differed from all existing aircraft on earth and could be called a 'real UFO'.

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The aliens are coming! The aliens are coming!

Moscow

SCIENTISTS have concluded that giant creatures with tiny heads which emerged from an unidentified flying object and went for a midnight stroll in the Soviet city of Voronezh were aliens, Tass news agency said yesterday.

Asked whether the report could possibly be a hoax, a Tass spokesman said: "Tass never jokes. If we start joking we'll stop existing".

The scientists were called in after frightened residents in the central Russian city reported that on at least three occasions they had seen a large shining ball hover above a park in the city after dark and then land.

"A hatch opened and one, two or three creatures similar to humans and a small robot came out.

"The aliens were three or even four metres high but had very small heads," Tass quoted witnesses as saying after one such visit.

"They walked near the ball and then disappeared inside. Onlookers were overwhelmed with fear which lasted for several days," it added.

Tass said the landings occurred recently but did not say precisely when. The news agency said scientists had identified the landing site and found traces of aliens "who made a short promenade about the park".

Reuters

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Councillor aims to entice UFOs

NASHVILLE, Tennessee — Some politicians go out of their way for votes, but one Nashville City official is appealing to a constituency that is out of this world.

George Darden has been trying to get his fellow on the Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Council to fund construction of a landing pad where extraterrestrials can bring their ships.

He got some teasing but no support when the issue came to a vote this year.

At a taping for the Joan Rivers Show on Wednesday, though, Darden found he was not alone.

"There was a woman who spent \$29,000 (\$A37,000) turning her mother's house into a communications centre to talk to UFOs, and a man who spent \$30,000 (\$A38,000) to build a ship similar to what he has heard people describe," Darden said.

Darden, who has not seen a UFO himself, told Rivers that he has thought about abandoning the issue since the council overwhelmingly defeated his bill earlier this year to build a landing pad.

"But something keeps pushing me to do it, and folks keep calling me about sightings," Darden said.

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Reports that are considered authentic, after thorough investigation, are forwarded to the Australian centre for UFO studies (ACUFOS), where they are filed for further research, and are included in the Australian computer file.

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Contact is maintained with fellow organizations around Australia, and Overseas. Publications are exchanged with these groups in an attempt to gain a world-wide picture of the UFO phenomena.

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